THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That most of the people who earn a livelihood and have occupations are living in Madras and are inclined to continue to live in Madras is the reason for attracting these people who depend upon charity from them. That is a natural law. As a matter of fact, the Government are taxing the mufassal people in all matters."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Do the Government realise that begging is only a symptom, the root evil being poverty, and will they take active action for eradicating poverty? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The thesis of the hon. Member is accepted. But that is only a partial one. We must add to it this, viz., that the resources of the Government depend upon the prosperity of the people."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" May I know whether begging is not a habit? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" All things become a habit."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" May I know whether begging has not been in vogue ever since the world came into existence? "

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" There is a large increase in the number of child-beggars in the mufassal also and how will the Government explain it? Is it due to migration from the City? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is an increase everywhere—in the small towns, in the big towns and in the Cities also. Comparatively the City of Madras has a very much larger number and people coming from very great distances are found here."

Principles regarding re-employment of retired officers.

* 28 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the general principles followed in the re-employment of retired officers of Government; and

(*b*) whether the availability of qualified men in service is taken into consideration before ordering such re-employment of retired officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The general policy of the Government is not to re-employ retired Government servants. In view, however, of the paucity of persons with the requisite technical knowledge and experience in

certain specialized departments of Government, re-employment of retired technical personnel is allowed at present in the Public Works (including Electricity and Highways), Survey, Medical and Health Departments and in Treasuries.

" (b) Yes."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I presume that re-employment will not be followed as a general rule in the departments other than those mentioned by the Hon. Minister? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is not the general rule in other departments."

The North Arcot Co-operative Pumpset Society at Vellore.

* 29 *Q.*—DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, Labour and Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the North Arcot District Co-operative Pumpset Society at Vellore was formed; and what its share capital is; and

(*b*) the number of pumpsets purchased by the society so far?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Society was registered on 3rd February 1941 and started work on 16th February 1941. Its share capital on 20th November 1953 was Rs. 93,650.

" (*b*) Fifty-six pumpsets have been purchased by the Society."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" May I know whether it is a fact that many members in the Gudiyatham taluk have taken loans for purchasing pumpsets and submitted false reports of purchase of pumpsets from bogus companies (which never existed) and without actually purchasing them? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There have been complaints with regard to the working of this Society and counter-petitions to say that these allegations are wrong. The Government are examining the matter very carefully."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" May I know whether a supersession notice has not been served on the President of the Society? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice of this question."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" I have already given notice of this question also. May I know whether loans have been granted to members of this Society without taking legal opinion on them? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" That is one of the allegations. That is why I said that we were looking into the matter."